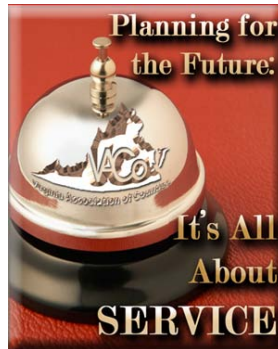


Virginia Association of Counties Program for 2011 Annual Conference



Saturday, November 12

- **11 a.m.**—Golf Tournament (Old Golf Course)
Sponsored by VACoRP
- **5 p.m.**—VACoRP Supervisory Board (Hunt)

Sunday, November 13

- **9 a.m.-Noon**—VACo Board of Directors (Georgian)
- **9 a.m.-2 p.m.**—Exhibitor Setup (Grand Ballroom and Colonnade)
- **10 a.m.**—Homestead History Tour (Register at Concierge Desk)
- **10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.**—Registration (Mount Vernon Foyer)
- **1-4:15 p.m.**—Coffee Break for Committee Members (Regency Ballroom Foyer)
Sponsored by Constellation Energy
- **1-2:30 p.m.**—Steering Committee Meetings
 - Community Development and Planning (Chesapeake)
 - Compensation and Retirement (Blue Ridge)
 - Environment and Agriculture (Piedmont)
 - Health and Human Resources (Appalachian)
- **2-5:30 p.m.**—Exhibits Open (Grand Ballroom, Colonnade and Garden Room)

- **2:45-4:15 p.m.**—Steering Committee Meetings
 - Administration of Government, Public Safety and Telecommunications (Chesapeake)
 - Education (Appalachian)
 - Finance (Blue Ridge)
 - Transportation (Piedmont)

- **4:15-5:15 p.m.**—Regional Caucuses to Nominate Representatives on Board of Directors
 - Region 2 (Dominion)
 - Region 3 (Wilson)
 - Region 4 (Blue Ridge)
 - Region 7 (Empire)
 - Region 8 (Monroe)
 - Region 9 (Hunt)
 - Region 10 (Piedmont)
 - Region 13 (Madison)

- **4:15-5:15 p.m.**—Supervisor Certification Reunion of Graduates (Lexington)

- **5:30-6:30 p.m.**—Opening Reception Honoring Sponsors and Exhibitors (Crystal Empire Room) **Sponsored by Dominion**

- **6:30-9 p.m.**—Banquet (Regency Ballrooms)

Presiding: The Honorable **Robert R. Adkins**, President, Virginia Association of Counties, and Board of Supervisors, Wise County

Welcome: The Honorable **Richard B. Byrd**, Chair, Board of Supervisors, Bath County

Invocation: The Honorable **Timothy Kennell**, Board of Supervisors, Cumberland County

The VACo President will recognize supervisor certification graduates and longevity award recipients.

- **9-Midnight**—DJ in the Sports Bar

Monday, November 14

- **7:30-8:30 a.m.**—Resolutions Committee (Georgian)

- **8 a.m.-2 p.m.**—Registration (Mount Vernon Foyer)

- **8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**—Exhibits Open (Grand Ballroom)

- **8:15-9:45 a.m.**—Opening General Session (Regency Ballrooms)
Presiding: The Honorable **Robert R. Adkins**, President, Virginia Association of Counties, and Board of Supervisors, Wise County

Presentation of the Colors: Roanoke County Police Department

Speakers: **Mitch Bowman**, Executive Director, Civil War Trails; **Rear Admiral Mark J. Belton**, Supply Corps, U.S. Navy Reserves and Page County Administrator; The Honorable **Glen Whitley**, Immediate Past President, National Association of Counties, and Judge, Tarrant County, Texas

- **9:45-10 a.m.**—Coffee Break (Regency Ballroom Foyer) **Sponsored by Nationwide**
- **10 a.m.**—Spouse/Guest Program: Cooking Demonstration
- **10-11:15 a.m.**—Concurrent Sessions

-The next steps for transportation in Virginia: What are they? • Stratford
Moderator: The Honorable **Stan D. Clark**, Chair, VACo Transportation Steering Committee, and Board of Supervisors, Isle of Wight County

Speakers: The Honorable **Sean T. Connaughton**, Virginia Secretary of Transportation; The Honorable **Gregory A. Whirley, Sr.**, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Transportation

After the 2011 General Assembly approved a funding package of nearly \$ 4 billion for improvements to Virginia’s transportation system, what will be the next step? This session will also address questions relating to “devolution” and other structural changes in the way transportation is administered in Virginia

-Sharing Technology Resources: Tools for Sharing and Integrating Technology • Piedmont

Moderator: The Honorable **J. Michael Hobert**, VACo Board of Directors, and Board of Supervisors, Clarke County

Speakers: **Karen Jackson**, Virginia Deputy Secretary of Technology; **Thomas J. Judge**, Director of Joint Administrative Services, Clarke County; **Judson B. Van Dervort, Jr.**, President and General Manager, Keystone Information Systems, Inc.

This Session will provide an update on legislation from the 2010 and 2011 General Assembly sessions on the issue of Information Technology sharing and procurement as well as one county’s experience with evaluating its needs in this important area.

-A look at Gov. McDonnell's Task Force for Local Government Mandate Review • Mount Vernon

Moderator: **Ted McCormack**, Director of Governmental Affairs, Virginia Association of Counties

Speakers: The Honorable **Pat Herrity**, Member, Task Force for Local Government Mandate Review, and Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County; **Kimball Payne**, Member, Task Force for Local Government Mandate Review, and City Manager, City of Lynchburg

In September 2011, Gov. Bob McDonnell announced the creation of the Governor's Task Force for Local Government Mandate Review. The five-member Task Force is a result of legislation introduced during the 2011 General Assembly Session by Sen. Steve Newman to review state mandates imposed on localities and to recommend temporary suspension or permanent repeal of such mandates as appropriate.

-Do your own public relations: Low budget and 15 minutes a day • Blue Ridge

Moderator: **Gage Harter**, Director of Communications, Virginia Association of Counties

Speakers: The Honorable **Jon Bowerbank**, Board of Supervisors, Russell County; The Honorable **Catherine M. Hudgins**, VACo First Vice President, and Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County; **Teresa Hamilton Hall**, Public Information Director, Roanoke County

No longer do elected officials have to depend on traditional media to communicate their message. They now can do their own public relations and marketing for very little cost and time. Learn why it's important for you to use social media, electronic newsletters and other means to deliver your message.

- **11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.**—Concurrent Sessions

-State and Local Finance and Budgeting • Mount Vernon

Moderator: The Honorable **Jon Bowerbank**, Chair, VACo Finance Steering Committee, and Board of Supervisors, Russell County

Speaker: The Honorable **Ric Brown**, Virginia Secretary of Finance

Secretary Brown will discuss the pressures on the state general fund budget with specific attention to local government appropriations. He will discuss revenue and budget projections and highlight specific funding priorities for the FY 2013-2104 biennial budget.

-Understanding the local role in improving water quality • Stratford

Moderator: The Honorable **Sheila S. Noll**, Board of Supervisors, York County

Speakers: The Honorable **Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.**, 24th Senate District; **Joseph H. Maroon**, Maroon Consulting, and Adjunct Faculty Member, Virginia Commonwealth University; **J. Michael Flagg**, Director, Department of Public Works, Hanover County; **David A. Johnson**, Director, Department of Conservation and Recreation

This session will explore what the future may hold as the Commonwealth develops plans to meet specific pollutant reduction goals for restoring the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. These plans have major implications for local governments. Changes are also being contemplated for Virginia's stormwater permitting program that could have significant impacts upon all localities.

-Virginia Volunteer Workforce Solutions Program: Recruiting and retaining volunteer fire fighters • Blue Ridge

Moderator and Speaker: The Honorable **Sharon Baroncelli**, Program Manager, International Association of Fire Chiefs, and Board of Supervisors, Shenandoah County

Speaker: **Jack W. Jones, Jr.**, Chief, Bedford County Department of Fire & Rescue, and President, Virginia Fire Chiefs Association

The Virginia Fire Chiefs Association and the International Association of Fire Chiefs joined forces in a first-of-its-kind study to analyze GIS tools versus traditional methods to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters. Using the experiences of 20 county volunteer fire departments, this session will present the study findings and plans to sustain your valuable volunteer work force.

- **12:45-2 p.m.**—Deli Lunch (Grand Ballroom) **Sponsored by SunTrust**
- **12:45-2 p.m.**—VLGMA Luncheon (Empire)
- **1:30-3:30 p.m.**—Spouse/Guest Program: Spa Treatment
- **1:45-3 p.m.**—Concurrent Sessions

-Discussions about Energy • Blue Ridge

Moderator: The Honorable **Jerry J. Skalsky**, Chair, VACo Environment and Agriculture Steering Committee, and Board of Supervisors, Prince George County

Speakers: The Honorable **Frank W. Wagner**, 7th Senate District; **William L. Murray**, Managing Director, Corporate Public Policy, Dominion; **Larry Godleski**, Vice President, Regional Markets, Constellation Energy

Learn what energy-related actions that the General Assembly may consider in 2011. Attendees will also learn about Dominion's latest plans for meeting many energy needs of their customers. The session will also provide information about ways for counties to save money and improve the energy efficiency of their facilities.

-The many facets of county economic development • Stratford

Moderator: The Honorable **Anita T. Felts**, Chair, VACo Community Development and Planning Steering Committee; and Board of Supervisors, Southampton County

Speakers: The Honorable **Terry G. Kilgore**, 1st House District, and Chairman, Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission; **Judy Winslow**, Director of Tourism, Isle of Wight County; Representative, Virginia Office of Commerce and Trade

As this period of economic uncertainty continues, Virginia's counties are redoubling their efforts to attract new employment opportunities for their citizens while trying to retain their current businesses and industries. This session will focus on the initiatives of Gov. Robert F. McDonnell and the Tobacco Commission in assisting counties in their economic development activities. The role that tourism plays in local job creation will also be highlighted.

-Working with your local Board of Elections and Registrar • Mount Vernon

Moderator: The Honorable **Patricia O'Bannon**, VACo Board of Directors, and Board of Supervisors, Henrico County

Speakers: **Charles Judd**, Chairman, State Board of Elections; **Kimberly Bowers**, Vice Chair, State Board of Elections; **Joshua Lief**, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

County officials are often frustrated by the requirements and costs handed down by the State Board of Elections. This session will illuminate the sources of these regulations and explain the relationship between local, state and federal election officials.

-Taming the Wild Board Meeting • Piedmont

Moderator: **Phyllis A. Errico**, General Counsel, Virginia Association of Counties

Speakers: Andrew R. McRoberts, Counsel, Sands Anderson; **Jeffrey L. Mincks**, Chesterfield County Attorney; **Jacob P. Stroman IV**, Spotsylvania County Attorney

This session will provide practical tips for avoiding embarrassing headlines and expensive litigation.

- **3-3:30 p.m.**—Soda Break (Grand Ballroom)
- **3-3:30 p.m.**—Mini-Raffle (Grand Ballroom)
- **3:30-4:30 p.m.**—Spouse/Guest Program: Wine Tasting
- **3:30-4:30 p.m.**—Spouse/Guest Program: Hay Ride and S'mores
- **3:30-4:45 p.m.**—Concurrent Sessions

-Health and Human Resources: What to expect in the 2012 General Assembly session • Mount Vernon

Moderator: The Honorable **Edwin E. "Bud" Smith**, Chair, VACo Health and Human Resources Steering Committee, and Chairman, Essex County Board of Supervisors

Speaker: Keith Hare, Deputy Secretary, Health and Human Resources

Deputy Secretary Hare will talk about the Comprehensive Services Act and the governor's biennial budget priorities in the Health and Human Resources arena.

-Update: Line of Duty Act • Stratford

Moderator and Speaker: Christopher Carey, Administrator, VACo Risk Management Programs

This session provide information about the critical components of the Line of Duty Act (LODA). There will be special emphases on LODA's impact on localities; the benefits provided to law enforcement and paid/volunteer emergency responders; considerations on the July 1, 2012, irrevocable opt-out; cost containment strategies; and 2012 legislative priorities.

-A Team Approach to Internal Audit • Piedmont

Moderator and Speaker: James McReynolds, County Administrator, York County

Speaker: Vivian McGettigan, Chief Internal Auditor, Prince William Public Schools

Learn how a collaborative internal audit function will improve communications, help to detect and deter fraud, waste and abuse, protect assets and increase citizen confidence.

-National Incident Management Systems: The Role of Local Government Officials • Blue Ridge

Moderator: The Honorable **Benjamin T. Pitts**, Chair, VACo Administration of Government, Public Safety and Telecommunications Steering Committee, and Chair, Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors

Speaker: **Lee Bennett**, Trainer/Instructor Specialist, Virginia Department of Emergency Management

This session will provide crucial training on incident command and management for elected officials and chief administrative officers.

- **3:30 p.m.**—I-81 Focus Group (Chesapeake)
- **4:30 p.m.**—Credentials Committee (Monroe)
- **4:45 p.m.**—High Growth Coalition (Georgian)
- **4:45 p.m.**—Rural Caucus (Dominion)
- **4:45-5:30 p.m.**—Nominations Committee (Wilson)
- **5:45-7 p.m.**—President’s Reception (Crystal and Empire) Sponsored by Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates
- **9-Midnight**—DJ in the Sports Bar

Tuesday, November 15

- **7:45-8 a.m.**—VACoRP Business Meeting (Empire)
- **9-10:15 a.m.**—General Session (Regency Ballrooms)
 - **Dr. Robert D. Holsworth**, Virginia Tomorrow, LLC
- **10:15-10:30 a.m.**—Refreshment Break (Regency Ballroom Foyer)
- **10:30-10:50 a.m.**—General Session (Regency Ballrooms)

- **Dean Lynch**, Deputy Executive Director, VACo
- **10:30-11:30 a.m.**—Achievement Awards Presentation and Business Meeting followed by Raffle and Adjournment (Regency Ballrooms)